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☒ continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending
prior application:

Serial No.: 10/319 300 Filing Date: December 13, 2002

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Title: SURGICAL TOOL SYSTEM WITH QUICK RELEASE COUPLING
ASSEMBLY

Group: 3731 Examiner: Unknown

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any
applications from which this prior application may claim
priority, is hereby incorporated by reference.

☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named
in the prior application. **DELETE** the following inventor(s)
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Enclosed are:

☒ New specification.

- ☐ Marked-up version of specification showing changes to prior parent application (optional).
- ☐ Copy of prior specification.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before line 1 of page 1, the sentence:
---This is a of Serial No. , filed , which was the national stage of International Application No. , filed , which International Application published in English.---
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- ☐ Preliminary Amendment Cancelling Claims (Please enter before calculating the filing fee.)
- ☐ Amendment Before First Office Action
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.
 - ☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to .
- ☒ Acknowledgment Postal Card
- ☐ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Application No. , filed .
 - ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .
- ☒ Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53, the above-identified application is being submitted without the filing fee, and it is respectfully requested that this application be granted a serial number and filing date and that the undersigned be notified of the date by which the filing fee must be submitted.

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Document(s) attached: CIP Patent Application Transmittal
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